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SUBJECT: NEWSOM TRAVEL

REFERENCE: STATE 059990

1. REFTEL HAS FORWARDED PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR BRIEF VISIT ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM TO MAGHREB COUNTRIES.
 2. ALGERIAN VISIT DISCUSSED IN SEPARATE TEL. PURPOSE OF VISITS MOROCCO AND TUNISIA IS TO MEET COUNTRY TEAMS AND, TO EXTENT FEASIBLE, FOREIGN MINISTERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO REVIEW CURRENT RELATIONS. NEWSOM REALIZES VISITS ARE BRIEF AND APPOINTMENTS MAY BE DIFFICULT. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE WILL BE ACHIEVED IN OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH U. S. OFFICIALS.
 3. FOR MOROCCO: NEWSOM WILL HOPE HAVE FURTHER ELABORATION RESPONSE TO MATTERS POSED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA DURING WASHINGTON VISIT.
 4. FOR TUNIS: NEWSOM WILL REVIEW AND BE UP TO DATE ON CURRENT ISSUES WITH TUNISIA, BUT TUNISIANS SHOULD NOT BE
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LED BELIEVE HE HAS ANY SPECIAL NEWS TO IMPART.

5. FOR TRIPOLI: IF CHARGE' S SCHEDULE PERMITS AND HIS
RE- ENTRY LIBYA INSURED, NEWSOM WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY

CONFER WITH HIM. CONSULTATIONS COULD BE HELD IN TUNIS OR
ALGIERS IF YOUR DEPARTURE DID NOT RPT NOT IN YOUR JUDGMENT
AROUSE LARG SUSPICIOUS RE PURPOSE OF YOUR TRIP.
ALTERNATIVELY, MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED FOR PARIS.
FOREGOING ASSUMES YOU WOULD NOT HAVE RE- ENTRY
PROBLEM LIBYA. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS AS TO LOCALE,
FEASIBILITY OF TALKS.

6. FOR PARIS: NEWSOM WOULD BE PREPARED MEET QUAI
OFFICIALS, AS MAY BE FEASIBLE, ON AFTERNOON APRIL 18.
PLEASE ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS OVERNIGHT AT CASTIGLIONE FOR
ASST SEC AND MRS. NEWSOM.

7. FOR ALL POSTS: NEWSOM PLANS MAKE TRIP WITH MINIMUM
PUBLICITY. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY BE CONTACTED RE
ARRANGEMENTS. RUSH

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